MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
SANTA MARIA CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

DECEMBER 17, 2013

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION:
Pastor Gary Hanson of Grace Lutheran Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
Councilmember Orach led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Boysen, Green, Orach, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
City Manager Haydon, City Attorney Trujillo, Director of Community Development Appel, City Librarian Housel, Deputy City Manager Lara, Deputy City Manager Barnhard, Police Chief Martin, Fire Chief Orr, Director of Recreation and Parks Posada, Director of Utilities Sweet, Director of Administrative Services Visé, Utilities Engineer Kahn, Principal Civil Engineer Springer, Recreation Services Manager Reyburn, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz.

1. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

A. VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH
Ray Ando was recognized as the "Recreation and Parks Volunteer of the Month for December 2013." Councilmember Boysen presented a certificate and plaque to Mr. Ando for his dedication and commitment to the community and more than 300 hours of volunteer service. Mr. Ando was not available to attend the meeting. Recreation Services Manager Reyburn accepted the gift on his behalf.

B. RETIREMENT OF PLANNING DIVISION MANAGER
Mayor Patino read Resolution No. 2013-107 recognizing and commending Planning Division Manager Peggy Woods for more than 16 years of full-time service to the City of Santa Maria, and congratulating her on her retirement.

Resolution No. 2013-107 was adopted on motion by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmembers Boysen, Green, Orach, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Resolution No. 2013-107 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, COMMENDING PLANNING DIVISION MANAGER PEGGY WOODS FOR HER YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE.

Planning Division Manager Woods commented that it was an honor and privilege to serve the City and the community. She has returned to the City organization three times. Ms. Woods stated there is something very unique about the City of Santa Maria and its staff. She has enjoyed her time working with very professional and hard-working people.

Community Development Director Appel commented he has been trying to talk Ms. Woods out of retiring for another couple of years. He went on to thank her for her years of service.

C. RETIREMENT OF LIEUTENANT GRAHAM
Councilmember Zuniga read Resolution No. 2013-108 recognizing and commending Lieutenant Kim Graham for more than 24 years of full-time service to the City of Santa Maria, and congratulating her on her retirement.

Resolution No. 2013-108 was adopted on motion by Councilmember Zuniga, seconded by Mayor Patino, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Green, Orach, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2013-108 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA COMMENDING LIEUTENANT KIM GRAHAM FOR HER YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE.

Lieutenant Graham thanked the Council and Chief Martin, community members, and fellow co-workers she has been associated with for the past 24 years. She has enjoyed the highs and lows of her career and has learned a lot. She stated that she hopes she has represented the City, her police department family, and Law Enforcement well.

Police Chief Martin commented that he appreciated Lieutenant Graham's insight, always giving great advice and he thanked her for holding off on her retirement until December 2013 when she had planned to retire in March 2013. She will continue to assist the City in retirement with background investigations.

D. LIGHTS, SIGHTS, AND HOLIDAY NIGHTS

Director of Recreation and Parks Posada, along with Recreation Services Manager Reyburn and Commissioners Gayle Pratt and Yleana Velasco, announced the winners of the 2013 "Lights, Sights, and Holiday Nights Holiday Decoration Contest," and presented the winners with certificates. The City was divided into four quadrants in order to award a Best Residence to each section of town. This year's winners were:

Best Decorated Residence

South East Quadrant	John & Kim Sabedra	2859 Stardust
South West Quadrant	Mary & Reyver Llarena	834 Della Drive
North East Quadrant	Tom & Linda Emery	202 North Palasade Drive
North West Quadrant	Jerry & Sylvia Meisenzahl	209 Sycamore Street

Best of Show
Robert and Glynda Dias – 670 East Newlove Drive

The Spirit of Santa Maria
Earl & Donna Thacker – 1749 North Vine Street

Best Animation
Enriquez Family – 519 North Brian Street

Best Craftsmanship
A Little Something Flowers – William Tomasini – 205 N. Broadway. Mr. Tomasini came to the podium to thank the community and all involved in serving the community. He's been in Santa Maria 46 years and is very proud to be a part of the City.

Best Neighborhood Block
409 W. Orange #A, B & C

Award of Excellence Winners
Ron and Bobbi Wulfing – 512 North College Drive
Larry and Patti Stewart – 330 South Scott Drive
Lopez Family – 524 N. Brian
John Hindle – 1030 Cortez Drive
Jose Jimenez – 923 North Thornburg
Ernie Vea – 476 South Palasade Drive
Murillo Residence – 639 Forbes Place
Romeo & Minda Aguinaldo – 2436 Rolling Green Drive
Robert & Sandra Dickerson – 104 Palm Court
Randy & Donna Beal – 919 StacyAnne Terrace
Martinez Residence – 1041 De Gamma
Eleazar & Mary Cuellar – 816 North Beth Court
John & Barbara Eggert – 407 Pam Court
Bob & Stephanie Melena – 1324 Valley Oak Place

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (NOT TO EXCEED A TOTAL OF 15 MINUTES):
Harry Johnson asked for the Council's help cleaning up his neighborhood. He also commented that he was not receiving return phone calls from Police Chief Martin.

Rod Berns reminded the Council that he would like to arrange a meeting with Police Chief Martin to speak with him about his brother's murder. He alleged that Officer Vega had been harassing his brother prior to his death. He is seeking follow up on the investigation from the Police Chief.

City Manager Haydon addressed Mr. Johnson saying a "Walk and Talk" program had been initiated in the northwest part of Santa Maria to help deal with code compliance issues. Code compliance staff and police officers have been going door to door for the last eight months informing citizens of various issues impacting the area. These visits will continue on the northeast side of town and a commercial component will be done on Main Street.

Police Chief Martin addressed the Council regarding Mr. Berns' concerns indicating that he was familiar with homicide investigation and there has been three meetings since November with the District Attorney's office, the investigators, and Police Department staff. As the case is a homicide, it is deemed by State law to be confidential. Any additional information, such as a conspiracy, would be cause to reopen the case. He stated he would meet with Mr. Berns after he has had his last meeting with the District Attorney, and would address his concerns at that time.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR:
City Manager Haydon requested that Item 3J, Citywide Street Sweeping Services, be pulled from the Consent Calendar and continued to the meeting of January 21, 2014, as a few corrections were necessary that were discovered after the distribution of the agenda.

Councilmember Boysen indicated that he would recuse himself from voting on Item 3E, Warrants, due to a financial conflict of interest.

Consent Calendar Items 3A through 3I (except 3E and 3J) were approved on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Boysen, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Green, Orach, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Consent Calendar Item 3E only was approved on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Zuniga, and carried on the following vote: 4-0-1

AYES: Councilmembers Green, Orach, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Boysen

A. ORDINANCES
The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar were adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicated otherwise.

B. MINUTES
The Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 3, 2013, were approved as amended.

C. CANCELLATION OF THE FIRST COUNCIL MEETING IN JANUARY.
Resolution No. 2013-109 was adopted cancelling the January 7, 2014 City Council meeting due to lack of agenda items.

Resolution No. 2013-109 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, CANCELLING THE JANUARY 7, 2014 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

D. MERIT STEP INCREASE AND ASSOCIATED COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS.
Resolution No. 2013-110 was adopted approving a merit step increase and associated compensation adjustments for the City Manager and City Attorney consistent to that of other at-will City Employees.

Resolution No. 2013-110 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A MERIT STEP INCREASE FOR THE CITY MANAGER AND ASSOCIATED COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY CONSISTENT TO THAT OF OTHER AT-WILL EMPLOYEES.

E. WARRANTS
Warrant Nos. 183480 to 183715 totaling $1,733,263.33 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services. Warrant Nos. 178883, 179058, 181887, and 183284 were cancelled.

F. PAYROLL
Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads, as shown on records on file in the Department of Administrative Services and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

G. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2013-13
The City Council conducted the second reading and adoption by title only of Ordinance No. 2013-13, rezoning 20 acres from PF (Public Facilities) to PD/M-2 (Planned Development/General Manufacturing), Assessor's Parcel No. 117-820-002 (portion).

Ordinance No. 2013-13 adopted. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, REZONING APPROXIMATELY 20 ACRES LOCATED NORTH OF THE SANTA MARIA RAILROAD, SOUTH OF STOWELL ROAD, EAST OF BLACK ROAD, AND WEST OF "E" STREET, FILE NOS. GPZ-2013-0001, PD-2013-0001, E-2013-0002, ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 117-820-002 (PORTION)

H. CALL FOR BIDS
The City Council gave approval to call for bids on the plans and specifications for Bid No. 2014/04, West Park Avenue Water Line Replacement.

I. CALL FOR BIDS
The City Council gave approval to call for bids on the plans and specifications for Bid No. 2014/07, Dena Avenue & Bay Street Concrete Improvement Project.

J. CITYWIDE STREET SWEEPING SERVICES
The agreement with CleanStreet, a California Corporation, for Citywide Street Sweeping Services was pulled from the Consent Agenda and continued, without discussion, to the Council meeting of January 21, 2014.

Resolution No. 2013-111 not adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH CLEANSTREET, FOR CITYWIDE STREET SWEEPING SERVICES.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

4. SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY.
Director of Utilities Sweet gave a presentation as detailed in the staff report. Late in 2012, Atlas Copco Mafi-Trench informed the City that they were unable to locate a property in Santa Maria to accommodate their anticipated expansion. They expressed interest in a portion of City-owned property on West Stowell Road. The property is approximately 20-acres of a 252-acre property purchased by the City in 2003. The majority of the property is designated for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Humane Society and other municipal purposes such as a public works yard. The portion of the property that Mafi-Trench is interested in was appraised in early 2013. Terms and conditions of a sale of the property were negotiated during a closed session at the December 3, 2013, City Council meeting. Mafi-Trench prefers to occupy a build-to-suit site rather than own the site. They have identified NKT Investments, LLC (NKT) as their preferred agent in this build-to-suit scenario. Nick Tompkins is the principal negotiator for NKT and he was the person responsible for negotiations with the City.

NKT has asked the City to enter into an option agreement to allow NKT and Mafi-Trench to negotiate terms of a lease. The City has simultaneously negotiated the terms of purchase agreement to be exercised upon execution of the option agreement between NKT and Mafi-Trench. Thus, NKT has exclusive rights to purchase the property from the City for the terms specified in the

purchase agreement during the option period. The option period is January 14, 2014, to May 31, 2014. The non-refundable option amount is $35,000.

Terms of the purchase agreement include a purchase price of $2,155,000. The sale of the property is conditioned upon NKT successfully negotiating a lease agreement with Mafi-Trench. Revenue from the sale would be attributed to the Water Resources Enterprise Fund. The expansion of Mafi-Trench within the City will provide for the preservation of existing and additional high-paying jobs in the community. Mr. Tompkins was present at the Council meeting and available for questions.

Public input.
James Reilly, representing Atlas Copco Mafi-Trench, thanked the City and staff for their assistance with moving the project forward.

Council discussion.
There was no Council discussion.

Resolution No. 2013-112 was adopted approving the sale of 20-acres on West Stowell Road to NKT Investments, LLC, for the purpose of relocating Atlas Copco Mafi-Trench, a major industrial firm, on motion by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Zuniga, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Green, Orach, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2013-112 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE SALE OF APPROXIMATELY TWENTY (20) ACRES OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY ON WEST STOWELL ROAD TO NKT INVESTMENTS LLC.

5. APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF AND AMENDMENTS TO THE CURRENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION LOCAL 2020 (SEIU) AND THE SANTA MARIA POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (SMPOA); APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CURRENT MOU WITH THE SANTA MARIA POLICE ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE MANAGEMENT (SMPAMM); AND ADOPTING RESOLUTIONS APPROVING WAGE AND BENEFIT PACKAGES FOR THE NON-REPRESENTED MANAGEMENT & CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY MANAGERS.
Deputy City Manager Barnhard gave a report as detailed by the staff report. During the past four years, National, State, and local economies have been impacted by one of the most significant recessions the City and County have experienced in recent times. The housing market collapsed, high unemployment rates and lower than normal consumer confidence created a drop in available funding resources. Over the last few months, City staff met with each of the represented bargaining groups in an effort to negotiate reasonable contracts given the City's limited resources. During these discussions, the State and local economy were reviewed, the negative fiscal impact the extended recession continues to have on City finances was discussed, and upcoming increases in retirement costs on the horizon were also addressed. Pursuant to Council direction, staff was able to successfully negotiate tentative agreements with each of the aforementioned employee groups for Council's consideration.

Service Employees International Union Local 620 (SEIU) consists of 228 full-time and 73 part-time employees. Highlights of their negotiation include a modest cost of living adjustment of two percent in December 2013 and one percent in July 2014, an increase toward the replacement cost for work footwear, an increase in floating holiday time for part-time employees, an additional provision for coveralls for parks field employees, and other non-monetary clean-up of contract language.

Santa Maria Police Officer's Association (SMPOA) consists of 90 sworn Police Officers and Police Corporals and 27 non-sworn staff. They will receive the two percent increase in December 2013, one percent in July 2014, the reinstatement of a bank of holiday hours back to pre-2009 levels, and other non-monetary clean-up of contract language.

Santa Maria Police Association of Middle Management (SMPAMM) is seeking an amendment to the current term of their contract set to expire on December 12, 2014, consistent with that of other employee groups.

Non-Represented Management & Confidential Employees and Public Safety Managers are all full-time exempt general employees, and exempt confidential employees not represented by an official employee association (44 employees) will receive a two percent cost of living increase that will take place in December 2013 and a one percent increase in July 2014.

These cost of living adjustments represent a total estimated annual cost to the General Fund of approximately $636,325 for 2014. Deputy City Manager Barnhard noted that this item would normally be on the Consent Agenda portion of the meeting, but staff decided to bring this item as a Regular Business item as this is the first time in four years that a cost of living adjustment has been considered.

Public input.
There were no requests to speak.

Council discussion.
Councilmember Boysen thanked the City's employees for being there the last four years regardless of the hold on cost of living adjustments. He indicated he was thankful that the budget allowed for these adjustments.

Councilmember Orach also thanked City staff and said he hoped this was a new beginning for the City to flourish.

Councilmember Green stated that both employees and management had concern for the City, and he felt this common interest really helped move negotiations along.

Mayor Patino thanked each of the bargaining units.

Resolution No. 2013-113 was adopted approving an extension of and amendments to the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Service Employees International Union Local 620 (SEIU), on motion by Councilmember Zuniga, seconded by Councilmember Boysen, and carried on the following vote:

Resolution No. 2013-113 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO AND AN EXTENSION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION LOCAL 620.

Resolution No. 2013-114 was adopted approving an extension of and amendments to the current MOU with the Santa Maria Police Officers' Association (SMPOA), on motion by Councilmember Zuniga, seconded by Councilmember Boysen, and carried on the following vote:

Resolution No. 2013-114 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO AND AN EXTENSION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SANTA MARIA POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION (SMPOA).

Resolution No. 2013-115 was adopted approving an amendment to the current MOU with the Santa Maria Police Association of Middle Management (SMPAMM), on motion by Councilmember Zuniga, seconded by Councilmember Boysen, and carried on the following vote:

Resolution No. 2013-115 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SANTA MARIA POLICE ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE MANAGEMENT (SMPAMM)

Resolution No. 2013-116 was adopted approving a wage and benefit package for the non-represented full-time management & confidential employees, on motion by Councilmember Zuniga, seconded by Councilmember Boysen, and carried on the following vote:

Resolution No. 2013-116 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A WAGE AND BENEFIT PACKAGE FOR THE NON-REPRESENTED FULL-TIME MANAGEMENT & CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES.

Resolution No. 2013-117 was adopted approving a wage and benefit package for the public safety managers, on motion by Councilmember Zuniga, seconded by Councilmember Boysen, and carried on the following vote:

Resolution No. 2013-117 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A WAGE AND BENEFIT PACKAGE FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY MANAGERS.

AYES: Councilmembers Zuniga, Boysen, Green, Orach, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

6. AMENDMENTS TO THE FIRE CODE ORDINANCE.

Fire Chief Orr gave a presentation as detailed in the staff report. The California Fire Code is the minimum accepted code for the State of California. State legislature has adopted the 2013 Edition of the code, which becomes effective on January 1, 2014. Cities and special districts may amend the Code to more stringent standards at any time and it is most desirable to do so at the same time the new codes become effective. The most substantive changes involve the re-numbering of the Municipal Code sections to correlate with the California Fire Code sections. In addition to the re-numbering, staff is proposing local amendments pertaining to clean-up language and amendments which are now specific to Santa Maria. Highlights of the proposed amendments include the addition of solar systems on new and existing occupancies, updated numbering of buildings enabling emergency crews to locate them faster in an emergency, implementing a Fire Command room in large wide-rise structures, emergency responder radio coverage in new buildings, and electrically operated gates across required fire access roads to be operated by the same strobe switches that allow responding fire engines to override traffic signals in the City to improve response times to gated communities.

Public input.
There were no requests to speak.

Council discussion.
Mayor Patino asked if the City's existing gated communities would be grandfathered in with this ordinance or if the Fire Department would be inviting gated communities to update their systems. She also asked what the cost would be to update existing electronic gate systems.

Fire Chief Orr responded that the ordinance revisions are prospective, and therefore, existing gated communities would be grandfathered in. The Fire Department would work pro-actively with the gated-community representatives to educate them about the revisions to the ordinance and encourage the adaptation to their electronic gate systems to assist in fire safety response.

Battalion Chief Hadfield said converting gates would cost between $1,500 and $5,000.

Mayor Patino asked how firefighters navigate around solar panels on roof tops.

Chief Orr explained solar panels are usually put on buildings taking into consideration the ability for firefighters to get around them.

Ordinance No. 2013-14 amending Chapter 9-3 of Title 9, fire prevention code, and Chapter 5-2 of Title 5, alarm systems, of the Santa Maria Municipal Code to adopt the 2013 California Fire Code with amendments was introduced by title only for first reading and continued to the next meeting for second reading and adoption, on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Boysen, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Green, Orach, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Ordinance No. 2013-14 introduced. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 9-3 OF TITLE 9, FIRE PREVENTION CODE, AND CHAPTER 5-2 OF TITLE 5, ALARM SYSTEMS, OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE

7. MAYOR PRO TEM APPOINTMENT

Mayor Patino thanked Councilmember Orach for his assistance as Mayor Pro Tem in 2013 and made a motion to nominate Councilmember Boysen as Mayor Pro Tem for calendar year 2014.

On motion by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Green, the nomination was ratified on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Green, Orach, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Haydon reminded everyone the regularly scheduled January 7, 2014, City Council meeting had been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items. He gave an overview of the upcoming items for the January 21, 2014, Council meeting which includes a couple of proclamations, a revised Ticket Policy, the Guadalupe Library lease agreement, the 2nd reading of the 2013 Uniform Fire Code Updates, two Awards of Bids for work in the City, the annual appointments to Boards & Commissions and the Central Coast Commission for Senior Citizens/Area Agency on Aging, and a General Plan Amendment and Zone Change. Mr. Haydon explained there is one (1) opening on the Central Coast Commission for Senior Citizens, Area Agency on Aging; two (2) openings on the All-America City Committee; one (1) opening on the Landmark committee; and two (2) openings on the Santa Maria Community Television Board.

City Manager Haydon also highlighted the City's accomplishments in 2013 which included: 1) opening the 14-screen new Edwards Theater in Town Center East and the Fallas Department Store in the Town Center West; 2) conducting a successful public safety rescue operation at the Town Center Inn; 3) transitioning over 5,700 street lights to state-of-the-art LED white lights; 4) finalizing the Measure U2012 Expenditure Plan and hiring 10 sworn firefighter positions and 12 sworn police-related positions; 5) processing a general plan and zone change for the Atlas Copco Mafi-Trench company to expand operations in the City, and approving the 262-unit Hancock Terrace Apartment project, along with Phase IV of the Windset Farms project; 6) completing the Union Valley Parkway extension and interchange project; 7) hosting town hall meetings and developing action plans to address quality of life issues; 8) reconfiguring the solid waste residential collection route system; 9) completing the Leisure Needs Assessment and Action Plan; 10) completing Phase 1 of the tenant improvements on the new Police Facility; and 11) initiating the "Walk and Talk" events in the northwest and northeast quadrants of the City.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS):

Councilmember Boysen reported that he attended the swearing in ceremonies for the new Fire and Police Department personnel and a community meeting at the Camp Fire Cabin at Buena Vista Park to discuss restoration and rejuvenation of the park.

Councilmember Green reported that he attended the community tree lighting in front of City Hall, the Parade of Lights, the Fire and Police Department's swearing in and badge pinning ceremonies, and participated in the All City Open House.

Councilmember Orach reported that he attended the annual Parade of Lights. Also, the All-America City Committee recently discussed its goals and objectives for 2014.

Councilmember Zuniga reported that she attended a community meeting at Buena Vista Park and the badge pinning and swearing in ceremonies for the Fire and Police Departments. She extended her appreciation to Deputy City Managers Barnhard and Lara for their efforts in labor negotiations and indicated how well everything went. She also recognized City Manager Haydon for stepping in so well with the Town Center Inn fire. She also acknowledged Chief Martin for meeting with a group of 18 citizens to discuss concerns in the community prior to the Council Meeting. She stated that she felt that it really helped in engaging the community.

Mayor Patino reported that she attended the annual fundraising event for high schools put on by Honda/Toyota and drew the winning ticket for one lucky person. She also attended the Mental Health Services Community Stakeholder Forum, Community Tree Lighting at City Hall, the 100th birthday celebration of Maria Guadalupe Estrada de Casillas, the Parade of Lights, and helped host the KCOY Christmas Parade. She presented a certificate at the 4th Annual Day of the Farm Worker, attended the Freedom Monument Ceremony Honoring Kenneth Alvarez, the Meet & Greet with County Executive Officer Mona Miyasato, the Quarterly Schools meeting in Orcutt, the Fire

Department Badge Pinning, the All City Open House, the Police Officer swearing-in ceremony, and Bob Ziener's mass and burial.

Mayor Patino read excerpts from the obituary of Robert James Ziener who passed away on Thursday, December 5th, 2013. Born in Illinois, Mr. Ziener received his B.S. degree from Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. He was awarded the Fulbright Scholarship for graduate study at Oxford University, England, after which he attended the Sorbonne at the University of Paris, France working toward a doctorate in international journalism. He served in the US Army for two years at the end of WWII and returned to Chicago where he married Madeleine Marten of Kenilworth, IL. He became director of Public Relations and Advertising for many corporations including Transamerica Corp and World Airlines. He was a publisher, editor, public speaker, communications expert, and consultant through his own consulting firm.

Bob will be remembered for his devoted Catholic endeavors and his involvement with the Knights of Columbus, Elks, RAMS, Business Men's Fellowship Airport Board and 50+ Club, as well as his flair for entertaining. A wood replica of the ship "The Santa Maria" was displayed on the dais during the meeting in his honor as he always wanted to City to erect a replica of the ship in the downtown area.

Councilmember Zuniga noted how supportive Mr. & Mrs. Ziener were of Domestic Violence Solutions. She also asked that a report be given on a recent memo the Council received from Recreation and Parks that discussed the impacts to the oak trees in Pioneer Park.

Councilmember Orach wished the community happy holidays.

CLOSED SESSION:
The City Council recessed at 7:52 p.m. to a closed session regarding Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Section 54957.6 of the Government Code; Agency Representative: Deputy City Manager; Employee Organization Santa Maria Fire Fighters Union (Local 2020)

After the closed session, City Attorney Trujillo reported that direction to staff was given.

ADJOURNMENT:
There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, Mayor Patino declared the meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:34 p.m. in memory of Robert James Ziener.

APPROVED:

January 21, 2014
Date

Rhonda M. Garietz
Chief Deputy City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria and ex officio Clerk of the City Council

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria

ATTEST:

Rhonda M. Garietz, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk